

We claim:

1. A method to facilitate the transfer of data from a client database to a host database comprising the steps of;

identifying at least one data field from said client database desired for said host database;

incorporating said data field in a spreadsheet;

populating at least a portion of said data field in said spreadsheet with assumed data values;

developing an algorithm configured to reformat data associated with said data field from said client database and desired for said host database;

receiving a test file from said client database;

creating a reformatted test file with said test file using said algorithm;

comparing said reformatted test file to said spreadsheet;

identifying at least one change, wherein said change would substantially conform said reformatted test file to said spreadsheet;

creating an updated algorithm from said algorithm which incorporates said at least one change;

receiving an input file from said client database;

creating a reformatted input file by applying said updated algorithm to said input file; and,

uploading said reformatted input file to said host database.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said identifying data fields from said client database desired for said host database further comprises receiving and analyzing a client record layout to identify said data fields desired by a host.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein said receiving a client record layout further comprises receiving said client record layout from a database clearinghouse.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein said receiving a client record layout further comprises receiving said client record layout from a database clearinghouse further comprises receiving said client record layout from at least one of DST and DAZL database clearinghouse.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein said receiving a test file from said client database further comprises receiving a 529 plan test file from said client database.
6. The method of claim 1 wherein incorporating said data fields in a spreadsheet further comprises at least one of: determining an order to organize said data fields into said spreadsheet; determining data field headers from said data fields and populating at least a portion of said data field headers into said spreadsheet in said order; and determining parameters for said data fields and formatting said data fields using said parameters.
7. The method of claim 6 wherein said determining parameters for said data fields and formatting said data fields using said parameters further comprises formatting said data fields to include at least one of an alphabetical, a numeric, or an alpha-numeric character.
8. The method of claim 1 wherein populating at least a portion of said data fields in said spreadsheet with assumed data values further comprises,
generating fictitious data in accordance with said parameters of said data fields,
populating at least a portion of said fictitious data into said spreadsheet,
forwarding said spreadsheet to said client database for feedback regarding the accuracy and the organization of said spreadsheet.

9. The method in claim 1 wherein said comparing said reformatted test file to said spreadsheet further comprises,

comparing data fields from said reformatted test file to data fields from said spreadsheet,

comparing parameters from said data fields from said reformatted test file to parameters from said data fields from said spreadsheet,

comparing data values from said data fields from said reformatted test file to data values from said data fields from said spreadsheet,

identifying inconsistencies between said data values from said data fields from said reformatted test file to said data values from said data fields from said spreadsheet.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein said identifying inconsistencies between said data values from said data fields from said reformatted test file to said data values from said data fields from said spreadsheet further comprises at least one of:

identifying said inconsistencies by a visual comparison, and,

identifying said inconsistencies by an automated comparison.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein said receiving an input file from said client database further comprises copying at least a portion of said input file to create at least a portion of a duplicate input file to minimize the possibility of losing information from said input file.

12. A system to facilitate the transfer of data from a client database to a host database comprising;
a user to carry out the method steps on behalf of a host for a client;
a computer interface accessed by said user to facilitate the performance of said method steps;

a host database to accept the data information, transformed from said client database, wherein said client database further comprises a database clearinghouse containing data information from at least one Fund Family; and,
a network to facilitate the transfer of data between said client and said host.